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REMARKS

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1. Between 24 and 29 January 1951, the Bee Kaserne, Neuruppin (N 53/Z 49), was still occupied by about 1,200 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Six T-34/85 tanks left the installation toward Kraenzlin on 24 January. [REDACTED]

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2. The Friedrich Franz Kaserne was still occupied by about 1,800 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Included in this figure was the signal unit stationed in the Telegrafenbergamt (telegraph construction office). However, no troops wearing signal insignia have been seen. Four sections, each numbering eight soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and carrying telephone equipment, and 11 units, each of 48 men with red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery and motor transport insignia, were seen leaving the installation. [REDACTED]

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3. Two officers and 32 TM wearing red-bordered black epaulets practiced with five 37-mm AA guns emplaced west of the Telegrafenbergamt on 26 January. The soldiers wore gas masks.

4. The guard detachment on Scholtenplatz still numbered about 40 troops, who wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with artillery insignia. Model BA-64 armored scout car [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] trucks were observed there.

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5. The Fridericus Kaserne still quartered 5,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, some of them with tank insignia. About 200 troops and a military band of 32 men assembled in the barracks yard for a ceremony, apparently to be sworn in, on 27 January. Eight T-34/85 tanks were lined up behind the assembled troops. The soldiers subsequently left for the Friedrich Franz Kaserne, organized into units of 50 to 60 men. Truck [] shuttled between the Fridericus Kaserne and the Friedrich Franz Kaserne, each time occupied by 20 to 25 soldiers.

6. A light armored scout car was seen leaving the See Kaserne on 21, 24, and 26 January. [] the troops in the installation have allegedly been alerted since 22 January 1951. []

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7. Between 22 and 27 January, troops in the Friedrich Franz Kaserne were engaged in infantry and artillery drill in the barracks yard. []

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Comment. [] confirms the 226th Mort Regt of the 12th Gds Tank Div in Neuruppin until 17 January 1951.

** Comment. The information on the Neuruppin military post concurs with previous reports by various sources. []

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